

Senate Bill 385

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th and Burns of the 23rd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the election of the Board of Education of Columbia County,
2 approved March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2708), as amended, particularly by an Act
3 approved March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3991), so as to change the description of the
4 education districts; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for the continuation
5 in office of current members; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters;
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 An Act providing for the election of the Board of Education of Columbia County, approved
10 March 21, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2708), as amended, particularly by an Act approved
11 March 5, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 3991), is amended by revising Section 1 as follows:

12 "SECTION 1.

13 (a) The Board of Education of Columbia County shall be composed of five members to
14 be elected as provided in this Act. For the purposes of electing members of the board of
15 education, Columbia County is divided into four education districts. The four education

16 districts shall be and correspond to those four numbered districts described in Appendix
17 A attached to and made a part of this Act and further identified as 'User: Columbia Co. Plan
18 Name: columbiaccsb-2022 Plan Type: Local'. The chairperson of the board shall be
19 elected by the electors of the entire county.

20 (b)(1) For the purposes of such plan:

21 (A) The term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as
22 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial
23 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district
24 description which are underneath a VTD heading shall mean and describe individual
25 Blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the
26 United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia; and

27 (B) Except as otherwise provided in the description of any district, whenever the
28 description of any district refers to a named city, it shall mean the geographical
29 boundaries of that city as shown on the census maps for the United States decennial
30 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

31 (2) Any part of the Columbia County School District which is not included in any district
32 described in subsection (b) of this section shall be included within that district contiguous
33 to such part which contains the least population according to the United States decennial
34 census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

35 (3) Any part of the Columbia County School District which is described in subsection (b)
36 of this section as being included in a particular district shall nevertheless not be included
37 within such district if such part is not contiguous to such district. Such noncontiguous
38 part shall instead be included within that district contiguous to such part which contains
39 the least population according to the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State
40 of Georgia."

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SECTION 2.

42 (a) Those members of the Board of Education of Columbia County who are serving as such
43 on the effective date of this Act and any person selected to fill a vacancy in any such office
44 shall continue to serve as such members until the regular expiration of their respective terms
45 of office and upon the election and qualification of their respective successors.

46 (b) Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, as they exist immediately prior to the effective date of this Act,
47 shall continue to be designated as Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, but as newly described
48 under this Act, and on and after the effective date of this Act, such members of the board
49 serving from those former districts shall be deemed to be serving from and representing their
50 respective districts as newly described under this Act.

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SECTION 3.

52 The provisions of this Act necessary to conduct elections for the members of the Board of
53 Education of Columbia County in 2022 shall become effective upon the approval of this Act
54 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval. The remaining provisions
55 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

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SECTION 4.

57 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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APPENDIX A

59 User: Columbia Co.

60 Plan Name: columbiaccsb-2022

61 Plan Type: Local

62 District 001

63 County Columbia GA

64 VTD AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN

65 VTD BLUERIDGE ELEMENTARY

66 VTD CHRIST CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

67 VTD CHRIST THE KING CH

68 VTD COL CTY MAIN LIBRARY

69 VTD GENESIS CHURCH

70 VTD GOSPEL WATER BRANCH

71 VTD JOURNEY COMM. CHURCH

72 VTD LAKESIDE MIDDLE

73 VTD MARTINEZ BAPTIST

74 VTD MTZ COL FIRE HDQTR.

75 VTD RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY

76 VTD STEVENS CREEK CHURCH

77 VTD STEVENS CREEK ELEM

78 VTD WESLEY METHODIST

79 District 002

80 County Columbia GA

81 VTD ABILENE BAPTIST

- 82 VTD BELAIR BAPTIST CHURCH
- 83 VTD BLANCHARD PARK
- 84 VTD CHRIST SANCTIFIED
- 85 VTD CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
- 86 VTD G A APOSTOLIC CHURCH
- 87 VTD GOLD CROSS EMS
- 88 VTD GROVETOWN METHODIST
- 89 Block 030508:
- 90 3001 3006 3008
- 91 VTD LEWIS METHODIST
- 92 VTD MARVIN METHODIST
- 93 VTD MTZ COL FIRE DEPT #4
- 94 VTD NEW LIFE CHURCH
- 95 Block 030312:
- 96 2002 2003 2004 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011
- 97 VTD PATRIOTS PARK
- 98 Block 030312:
- 99 2001
- 100 VTD TRINITY BAPT CHURCH
- 101 VTD WESTSIDE BAPT CHURCH
- 102 VTD WOODLAWN BAPT CHURCH

- 103 District 003
- 104 County Columbia GA
- 105 VTD COL CTY BOARD OF EDU
- 106 VTD DAMASCUS BAPT CHURCH
- 107 VTD EUBANK/BLANCHARD CTR

108 Block 030401:
 109 1000 1001 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012
 110 Block 030403:
 111 2012
 112 Block 030404:
 113 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1008 1009 1012
 114 VTD GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
 115 VTD GREENBRIER HIGH
 116 VTD NEW LIFE CHURCH
 117 Block 030403:
 118 2018 2019 2020 2022 2023 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009
 119 4010 4011 4012 4014 4019 4020 4021 4022 4023 4024 4025 4026
 120 4027 4028 4029 4030 4031 4032 4033 4034
 121 VTD PATRIOTS PARK
 122 Block 030304:
 123 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
 124 2015 2016 2017 3003 3004 3005 3010 3011 4005 4016 4017 4018
 125 4019
 126 Block 030403:
 127 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011
 128 3012 3013 4000 4001 4002 4013 4015 4016 4017 4018
 129 VTD REDEEMER CHURCH
 130 VTD SECOND MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH
 131 VTD WEST ACRES BAPTIST

 132 District 004
 133 County Columbia GA

134 VTD BESSIE THOMAS CENTER
 135 VTD EUBANK/BLANCHARD CTR
 136 Block 030404:
 137 1006 1007 1010 1011
 138 VTD GROVETOWN METHODIST
 139 Block 030505:
 140 3020
 141 Block 030507:
 142 1010 3000 3017
 143 Block 030508:
 144 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011
 145 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023
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 148 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 3005 3007 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013
 149 3014 3015 3016 3017 3018 3019
 150 VTD GROVETOWN MIDDLE SCH
 151 VTD HARLEM BRANCH LIBRARY
 152 VTD KIOKEE BAPT CHURCH
 153 VTD LIBERTY PARK
 154 VTD PHILADELPHIA CHURCH
 155 VTD WARREN BAPTIST CHURCH-GROVETOWN